

# **LONG VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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## **AGENDA**

**Wednesday, December 12, 2007**

**7:00 PM**

**Crowley Lake Community Center  
458 South Landing Road**

1. Call to Order by Acting Chair
2. Public comment for items not listed on the agenda.
3. Review Notes: July 25, 2007
4. Introduction of Theresa Stone-Yanez, THPO, of the Bishop Paiute Tribe, Tribal Historic Preservation Office.
5. Introduction of Chris Lanene of the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District and the update regarding Air Pollution Monitoring.
6. Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Proposed Fare Changes: The ESTA Board of Directors has scheduled a formal public hearing on Friday, December 14, 11:30 a.m. in Bishop to receive comments on the proposed fare changes. While the public is encouraged to attend this public hearing, ESTA staff will be receiving comments from individuals and organizations continuously until that time, and will present all comments to the ESTA board for Review and consideration
7. Discussion regarding high speed internet in Long Valley (Supervisor Hazard).
8. Update on cell tower service in Long Valley.
9. County Updates (Supervisor Hap Hazard).
10. Update on the Maintenance of the Baseball Field (Hap).
11. Update on Community Landscaping (Hap)
12. Update on cluster mailboxes for mail delivery (Hap).
13. Update discussion on a feasibility study to relocate the library to a more convenient location (Paul Burdeno).
14. Information Items

15. Future agenda item: Review and possible update of the Long Valley Policies in the General Plan. A handout of the current policies will be available at the meeting.
16. Schedule next meeting
17. Adjourn

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**Draft Notes**  
**Wednesday, July 25, 2007**

1. Chairwoman Debra Ray opened the meeting at 7:10 PM
2. Public comment

Fred Stump noted that the County approved the Dump Waiver Program for wood waste. Contact the Fire Department and they will give you two coupons good for one load each.

Hap noted that the Dump Waiver Program is an extremely complicated issue because even though it doesn't cost the public anything it still costs the county the same amount to handle the waste. The Board of Supervisors agreed to begin this program because of the severe fire danger risk this year, but this will not be an annual event. The Board is working on gaining a consensus regarding when to put this into effect in future years and at what percentage of risk will trigger the series of fire mitigation measures. The council does not want to increase the dump rates because of this policy.

Debra noted that only clean wood is accepted for the chipper and the community can go the dump and get the chipped mulch for free for their gardens.

3. Public comment for items not listed on the agenda.  
Landscape discussion: Leslie is working with Kelly, and Debra and Maryann O'Connor are waiting to hear from Kelly. Apparently the community volunteers can decide how they want to design the landscaping in the islands.
4. Review Minutes-May 23, 2007. Mr. Witters moved to accept the minutes and Mr. Berdino seconded the motions. The minutes were approved unanimously.

5. County Updates (Hap Hazard)  
Hap noted that the Board of Supervisors is still debating the weed abatement issue for fire suppression and how to mitigate weeds on public lands when they are so close to private lands.

Paul noted that public agencies are required to keep their easement clear of weeds and they are not doing a very good job of it.

Hap noted that the County updated the General Plan and passed the Night Sky Ordinance.

6. Air Pollution Monitoring request by Debra Ray (Gwen).  
Duane Ono of the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District said they will have monitors available this winter to monitor the air in Crowley. All they will need is a location with electricity and someone to volunteer to change the filters once a week. Debra suggested the Community Center would be a good place to put it and will volunteer change the filters.  
There are some homes in Crowley that do not have EPA approved stoves and when smoke pours out of their chimneys during an inversion layer the air becomes polluted. It was noted that the Air

Pollution Control District has personnel to investigate air pollution violators. A question was asked, "Should we change our county policy to have homeowners change out the stove to an EPA approved stove when they sale their home?"

7. Drainage issues update request by Debra Ray (Gwen).

The new County Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) contains items addressing drainage in Crowley Lake especially on Elderberry Lane and South Landing Road. There are drainage issues throughout Crowley because most of Crowley is in a Flood Awareness Area though it is not mapped in the Flood Zone. Planner Greg Newbry will be working on and LID standards to be considered for the General Plan to retain water on site. A question arose on how do we educate homeowners to mitigate drainage issues? If these issues are included in the County Improvement Plan (CIP), the County will be ready to apply for grants when they become available. Developers will be responsible for funding drainage improvements through Development Impact Fee (DIF).

8. Update on the Maintenance of the Base Ball Field (Gwen)

There have been well problems and problems with the wind blowing the grass seeds away. The wind also is blowing the top soil away which causes the ground to be uneven. Maintenance is leveling and reseeding the areas on a continuing basis to try to fix the problems. The field needs new top soil. The school district and town are trying to fix the problems. Composting lawn mower might help. The County has brought in experts to try to fix the problem and the Board of Supervisors is considering increasing pubic works staff.

9. Update regarding transit needs (Gwen).

**Buy Hybrid Vehicles.** There are no fueling stations in the area yet. And the Electric buses are made for stop and go traffic that is how the battery is charged. Our buses go long distances and the battery won't charge. The county and government agencies are looking at alternate fuels facilities.

**Make sure all the buses have bike racks.** The CREST and Bishop to Mammoth bus have bike racks and almost all of the buses in Mammoth are equipped with bike racks.

**Park n Ride at the Community Center.** It can be used for a Park n Ride, but there may be parking issues when cars are parked there and an event is planned at the same time. The Capital Improvement Plan has identified the need for expanding the parking area, but there is no funding at this time.

**Bus Shelter Grant no word yet if it was accepted.**

10. Update on street addressing and cluster mailboxes for mail delivery (Staff).

Hap noted that he and Kelly asked the Post Master to remove the second homeowners and the results went to 80% in favor. There are enough mail boxes to do it all at once. One area in district wants to change the mounting platform checking to see if it for all districts or just one person. The Post Office is going ahead with it. Placement will be at existing location. Sunny Slopes in same area might make turn out. Sierra Springs may get their own.

11. Update discussion on a feasibility study to relocate the library to a more convenient location (Paul Berdino).

Started survey 4<sup>th</sup> of July and 2/3 of those surveyed agreed to move the library. The computer in the library can handle high speed internet. The new librarian is going to tract child usage. Will look and demographics as to where the kids live in the area. The thrust is to get kids to use library. The library will fit in the community center area. Can the library be moved? Kelly has not called back. Only canvassed 15 people after book sale on July 4<sup>th</sup>. This library services the

south portion of the county. Bill Michael was here last meeting. Bill Michael is reviewing the survey. Survey from kids that go to market.

Hap feels we should capture second home owners in the survey. A question should be asked is, "How important is moving the library compared to other issues such as ball field, buses, and a park-and-ride?" Funds to stock and recondition this library are still available. DIF fees are also for libraries. Contact Community Service District for funds as well. If the Friends of the Library are going to do the survey they want to make sure the county listens. County and Office of Education must all work together. Greg Newbry recommended Paul take the survey to the Office of Education to get their okay.

12. Easement: Right-of-way easement on Crowley Lake Drive (Randy Witters).

The road is up to 150 feet wide in places. The people on the road have no say on how the property is used. Rocks and debris are picked up by vehicles and cause damage to homes. What can be done? Hap thought this had been taken care of. There are legal hurdles to overcome to declare abandonment of the easement. There are utilities and public safety utilities in easement. Use permit through The Public Works Department to waive fees. The homeowners would apply to the county to let them know what they want to do. Submit landscaping plan.

13. Speeding: Continuous speeding on South Landing Road and Crowley Lake Drive (Randy Witters).

Noted that at stop sign going 60 mph 6:30 to 7:45 in am. Steve Anderson has to follow process in vehicle code. Steve is doing the survey with the 100 car count. It is illegal for Sheriffs to have radar. CHP had radar paid for by the County. Solar power signs might help. Use traffic design methods for traffic calming. Ask Kelly for ideas.

14. Hot springs: Hilltop site needs damage repair (Randy Witters)

3 or 5 miles out from the Green Church on Benton Crossing Road the Bureau and the Forest Service put walk way through the meadow and wild lilies. It has become an attraction for tourists and damage is being done to the area and people are getting vehicles stuck there. Randy asked Hap if he could bring this issue up and a Collaborative Planning Group Meeting.



## Eastern Sierra Transit Authority

### Proposed Bus Fare Adjustments

The Eastern Sierra Transit Authority assumed the operation of public bus transportation in and for Inyo and Mono Counties on July 1, 2007. Prior to that time, bus services had been operated by Inyo County under the name of Inyo Mono Transit, since the early 1990s. The formation of ESTA (a joint powers agency), brought together Inyo and Mono Counties, the City of Bishop and the Town of Mammoth Lakes as partners in the operation, planning and development of public transportation services throughout the Eastern Sierra.

The current bus fares of ESTA have been in place since 1998. In the nine years since that time, costs to provide public bus service have increased substantially. Bus fare revenue is a key source of operating funds for the system, and ESTA must consider increasing its fare revenues in order to meet its financial obligations for this and future years.

ESTA staff has prepared the attached fare adjustment proposal. The ESTA Board of Directors has scheduled a formal public hearing on Friday, December 14, 11:30 a.m. in Bishop to receive any and all comments on the proposed fare changes. While the public is encouraged to attend this public hearing, ESTA staff will be receiving comments from individuals and organizations continuously until that time, and will present all comments to the ESTA Board for review and consideration.

Comments can be submitted to your RPAC staff who will forward them to ESTA staff. Also, anyone can call ESTA and submit comments: 800-922-1930. Written comments can be mailed to: ESTA, P.O. Box 1357, Bishop, CA 93515. There will also be copies of the fares along with comments cards included in all ESTA buses within the next 5-7 days.

Eastern Sierra Transit Authority  
Rate Increase Breakdown October 2007

Service Type: Deviated Fixed Route

Route:

LOCAL BISHOP AREA

Current:	Proposed:	Current Fares:		50% Increase		100% Increase		Recommendation	
		Adult	Disc	Adult	Disc	Adult	Disc	Adult	Disc
Service area up to four zones.	Consolidate to two zones	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.75
		Deviations	:						
Fare determined by crossing zones	increase variety of discount passes Reduce fare for multiple youth	\$0.75	\$0.50	\$1.13	\$0.75	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.75
DISCOUNT PASSES:									
30-day pass	30-day pass	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$40.00		
\$2.50 punch pass	10-ride punch pass	na	na					\$9.00	\$6.50
				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		

Service Type: Demand Response (Dial-a-Ride)

Route:

LOCAL BISHOP AREA

Current: Service area up to four zones.

Proposed: Consolidate to two zones

Fare determined by crossing zones

increase variety of discount passes

Reduce fare for multiple youth riding with paying adult

DISCOUNT PASSES: Zone one only. Adj charge for Zone 2

30-day Pass

30-day Pass

One Day Pass

10-ride Punch Pass

10-ride Punch Pass

Current Fares:		50% Increase		100% Increase		Recommendation	
Adult	Disc	Adult	Disc	Adult	Disc	Adult	Disc
\$1.25	\$0.75	\$1.88	\$1.13	\$2.50	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$1.50
\$1.50	\$1.00	\$2.25	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$2.50
\$1.75	\$1.25	\$2.63	\$1.88	\$3.50	\$2.50		
\$2.00	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$4.00		
\$55.00	\$35.00	\$82.50	\$52.50	\$110.00	\$70.00	\$90.00	\$70.00
na	na					\$5.00	\$4.00
\$13.50	\$9.00	\$20.25	\$13.50	\$27.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$13.00

Route:

LOCAL LONE PINE AREA

Current: Service area up to four zones.

Proposed: Consolidate to two zones

Fare determined by crossing zones

Increase variety of discount passes

Reduce fare for multiple youth riding with paying adult

DISCOUNT PASSES: Zone one only Adj charge for Zone 2

30-day Pass

30-day Pass

One Day Pass

10-ride Punch Pass

10-ride Punch Pass

Current Fares:		50% Increase		100% Increase		Recommendation	
Adult	Disc	Adult	Disc	Adult	Disc	Adult	Disc
\$1.25	\$0.75	\$1.88	\$1.13	\$2.50	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$1.50
\$1.50	\$1.00	\$2.25	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$2.50
\$1.75	\$1.25	\$2.63	\$1.88	\$3.50	\$2.50		
\$2.00	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$4.00		
\$55.00	\$35.00	\$82.50	\$52.50	\$110.00	\$70.00	\$75.00	\$55.00
na	na					\$5.00	\$4.00
\$13.50	\$9.00	\$20.25	\$13.50	\$27.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$13.00



Route:

## LOCAL MAMMOTH LAKES AREA

Current:  
Service area up to four  
zones.

Proposed:

Consolidate to two zones

Fare determined by crossing  
zones

increase variety of discount  
passes  
Reduce fare for multiple  
youth  
riding with paying adult

DISCOUNT PASSES: Zone one only      Adj1 charge for Zone 2

30-day Pass

30-day Pass

## One Day Pass

## 10-ride Punch Pass

## 10-ride Punch Pass

Current Fares:			50% Increase		100% Increase		Recommendation	
Adult		Disc	Adult	Disc	Adult	Disc	Adult	Disc
	\$1.25	\$0.75	\$1.88	\$1.13	\$2.50	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$1.50
	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$2.25	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$2.50
	\$1.75	\$1.25	\$2.63	\$1.88	\$3.50	\$2.50		
	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$4.00		

e 2

	\$55.00	\$35.00	\$82.50	\$52.50	\$110.00	\$70.00	\$90.00	\$70.00
	na	na					\$5.00	\$4.00
	\$13.50	\$9.00	\$20.25	\$13.50	\$27.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$13.00

Route:

## ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA

To:  
Within Walker  
Walker

From:  
Within Walker  
Coleville  
Topaz  
Topaz Lodge  
Holbrook Junction  
Topaz  
Topaz Lodge  
Holbrook Junction  
Topaz Lodge  
Holbrook Junction

Current Fares:			50% Increase		100% Increase		Recommendation	
Adult		Disc	Adult	Disc	Adult	Disc	Adult	Disc
	\$1.25	\$0.75	\$1.88	\$1.13	\$2.50	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$1.50
	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$2.25	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$1.50
	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$2.25	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$2.00
	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$3.75	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$3.50
	\$4.00	\$3.50	\$6.00	\$5.25	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$4.50	\$4.00
	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$2.25	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$1.50
	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$3.75	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.50	\$2.00
	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$3.75	\$3.13	\$4.05	\$3.38	\$3.50	\$3.00
	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$2.50	\$1.88	\$2.70	\$2.03	\$2.00	\$1.50
	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$3.13	\$2.50	\$3.38	\$2.70	\$3.00	\$2.50